

Cuba Reports Plotters' Arrest; Charges U.S. Trained Saboteurs

HAVANA, Nov. 13 (AP) — Security officials said today that they had captured the leader of a band of heavily armed, United States-trained saboteurs who landed in Cuba the weekend before President Kennedy ordered the naval quarantine of Cuba. The big copper mines of Matahambre were smashed, the official report said. It added that the invaders had succeeded in planting demolition charges, but they were discovered before they went off. The man who was reported to have served as an army lieutenant during the regime of Fulgencio Batista, the ousted dictator, was identified as the leader of the band. He was described as a "principal chief of the Central Intelligence Agency."

Men Seized Nov. 2

Mr. Orozco Crespo and a companion, Pedro Vera Ortiz, were seized Nov. 2 at a farm in a hilly region near Vinales, the report said.

The Cuban account said Mr. Orozco Crespo had led a "special mission" ashore in two squads—each made up of six men—near Matahambre on Cuba's western tip.

They landed Oct. 19 and 20, using a rubber raft equipped with a muffled motor, according to the report. The men were said to have carried motor a half ton of weapons, explosives, radio transmitter, and food for two weeks.

Security officials said the plan was for the men to be picked up by a United States Navy vessel after the completion of their mission. What the group may have achieved between the time of landing and that of the arrests was not specified.

The Government report said Mr. Orozco Crespo, shown in newspaper pictures as a small man with a mustache had carried out about "25 missions to our territory, some of them successful." No details of these other sorties were revealed.

Havana newspapers said Mr. Orozco Crespo named 40 members of his organization and made these declarations:

"The C. I. A. is preparing a force of Cuban exiles for a planned invasion of Nicaragua

in connivance with President Luis Anastasio Somoza Debayle to provide an excuse for an invasion of Cuba by accusing Premier Fidel Castro's regime of aggression.

"Twenty 'operators' are collecting military data for the United States inside Cuba with the aid of 'small information nets.'"

"An embassy, which was not named, in Havana is lending its diplomatic pouch of the United States intelligence agency for transporting communications equipment to be used by agents in Cuba."

"His organization has headquarters in Miami; with equipment ranging from '75-MM. cannon to pistols.' The headquarters is a 'green house' south of Miami on Highway 1 near the 'Monkey Jungle,' a tourist attraction. He said that a man named Bob Wall was coordinating the Miami actions."

"Before making sorties into Cuba agents are taken to Summerland Key, where they are isolated until sailing time."

"The plans call for the occupation of a small key near the Cuban shores to be used to establish a beachhead for sabotage operations and eventually to install a government in exile there."

"In Washington, a spokesman for the Central Intelligence Agency refused to comment. He said this refusal was in accordance with agency policy."

Although the official reports mentioned only the capture of two saboteurs, the Havana radio gave the names of nine others. However, the broadcast did not make it clear whether they had been caught.